

## **Interagency Subcommittee on Disability Statistics**

Due to production problems DSQ was very late in being published during 1997 and the first half of 1998. DSQ was not able to carry summaries and excerpts from the minutes of the Interagency Subcommittee on Disability Statistics from April 1997 to May 1998. Below you will find brief summaries of the meetings. THE EDITING WAS DONE BY THE DSQ EDITOR. For more extensive information the ISDS minutes dating back to the April 9, 1997, meeting are available at [HTTP://WWW.NCDDR.ORG/ICDR/ISDS](http://WWW.NCDDR.ORG/ICDR/ISDS) which is the Web site of the National Center on Dissemination of Disability Research (NCDDR).

### **EDITED SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1997, MEETING:**

Trena Ezzati-Rice reported on the "State and Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey (SLAITS)," a new population-based resource NCHS is developing to help fill the gap in knowledge about the impact of changes in the health care and welfare systems at the State level. SLAITS is designed to monitor and track changes over time. It expands on an existing State and Local Area Random-Digit-Dialing Survey - The National Immunization Survey. For a two page summary on SLAITS or additional questions, contact Trena M. Ezzatti-Rice at TEL: (301) 436-7022, Ex. 133, FAX: 301-436-7955 or EMAIL: [TME1@CDC.GOV](mailto:TME1@CDC.GOV).

Pierre Decoufle discussed the "Follow-Up Study of Children with Developmental Disabilities," by the Developmental Disabilities Branch, Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, NCEH, CDC. The purpose of the study is to assess the current status of a group of young adults who were previously identified at age 10 years as having one or more developmental disabilities, in terms of employment, independence, functional limitations, medical care, social participation, utilization of services and quality of life. For Copies of slides from this presentation, contact Pierre Decoufle at EMAIL: [PXD1@CDC.GOV](mailto:PXD1@CDC.GOV), TEL: 770-488-7363, FAX: 770-488-7361.

PREVENTION REPORT, Volume 12: Issue 2 1997, a newsletter published by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion is available free of charge from ODPHP at HHS, Room 738G, 200 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20201. Its Web site address is <<http://odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov>>.

CENSUS 2000 DISABILITY QUESTIONS - Separate Draft versions from the Bureau of the Census and from OMB on Disability Questions for Census 2000 were tested in the Census Cognitive Lab and on September 29, 1997, Louisa Miller of the Census Bureau announced that the following questions would be tested in the Census 2000 dress rehearsal in March 1998:

All questions to be answered "yes" or "no" (for persons age 5 +)

(16) Does this person have any of the following long-lasting conditions?

- a. Blindness, deafness, or a severe vision or hearing impairment?
- b. A condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting or carrying?

(17) Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition lasting 6 months or more, does this person have any difficulty in doing any of the activities listed below?

- a. Learn, remember, or concentrate?
- b. Dress, bathe, or get around inside the home?

Answer if person is 16 YEARS OLD OR OVER--

- c. Go outside the home alone to shop or visit a doctor's office?
- d. Work at a job or business?

#### EDITED SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 8, 1997, MEETING:

Jack McNeil, "Americans with Disabilities: 1994-1995," a U.S. Census Bureau report based on data collected in the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) during the period October 1994 - January 1995. This is the second report in a series which began with "Americans with Disabilities: 1991-1992." The initial report was over 100 pages and was widely used. This set of reports includes data on Functional Limitations, Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs). An eight page summary of "Americans with Disabilities: 1994-95" is available in the August 1997 edition (P70-61) of Current Population Reports, published by the Census Bureau.

Rune Simeonsson reported on "Evaluating Participation and Environments of Children," a project funded under the CDC/NCEH 731 grants. The population being studied consists of children with learning and mobility impairments. The project involves a national survey of teachers. These studies will assess how interaction of the child's disability with environmental barriers and facilitators influences the nature and extent of participation and will carry out psychometric evaluations of the reliability and validity of these measures. The second research project will focus on the role of physical education in public schools as a factor affecting secondary conditions and participation of children and youth with mobility impairments. The third project is a prospective study on the role of developmental and environmental factors in secondary conditions in children and youth with traumatic brain injury.

You can download a calendar of meetings from CDC's web site (<http://www.cdc.gov/mancar.htm>). This list is updated monthly. If you would like more information or have items included, contact Linda T. Robinson in the Office of the Director, Office of the Managed Care, Phone: (404) 639-4500, Fax: (404) 639-4413, or [ltr1@cdc.gov](mailto:ltr1@cdc.gov) via email.

#### EDITED REPORT OF JANUARY 14, 1998, MEETING:

Elaine Jurkowski (E-Mail: [ETJURKOW@UIC.EDU](mailto:ETJURKOW@UIC.EDU)) discussed

"US-CANADIAN COMPARISONS OF DISABILITY STATUS" contrasting differences in leadership, self-advocacy and citizenship participation of people with disabilities in these two countries. Reasons for participation by persons with disabilities included access to health care, social services, transportation, personal care attendants, education, employment, finances, housing recreation, and cultural activities. She found that a civil rights model prevails in the United States, while citizen participation predominates in Canada.

Marie Strahan (E-mail: [marie.p.strahan@ssa.gov](mailto:marie.p.strahan@ssa.gov)) of the Social Security Administration reported on "HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL SSA/NIDRR CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES." "Employment Post the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)" took place on November 17-18, 1997. Its purpose was to engage national and state policy leaders, researchers, disability advocates, consumers, service providers, employers, congressional staff and government officials in a dialogue about the impact of policies and programs on the employment of people with disabilities and innovative approaches to reforming and overcoming some of the existing policy barriers. Ms. Strahan highlighted contradictory public policies related to civil rights statutes and disability benefits by discussing the recent U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit decision in *Swanks vs. Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority* (decided June 20, 1997). The Court recognized that the Social

Security Act and the ADA employ different standards and objectives. According to the Court, awards of disability benefits cannot bar ADA relief.

Dr. August Colenbrander e-mail: GUS@SKIVS.SKI.ORG presented on "VISION IMPAIRMENT REVISIONS NEEDED IN ICIDH-2" and discussed the "Visual Scales Project," an effort prompted by an AMA request to work on a revision of the vision chapter of its "Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment." As Chair of the revision committee, Dr. Colenbrander seeks to ensure that the update is widely supported and compatible with the new ICIDH-2.

ADPWA announces the publication of VIOLENCE AS A CAUSE OF DISABILITY, Proceedings and Recommendations of the National Violence Prevention Conference by Michael Marge, Ed.D., Editor (January 1998). For Non members of the Association, the cost of the publication is \$15 which includes handling and mailing. Please mail with your \$15 check made out to the American Disability Prevention and Wellness Association and mail to Dr. Michael Marge, President, ADPWA 111 Clarmar Road, Fayetteville, NY 13066-1602 tel. : 315-446-3660 E-mail: [marge@sued.syr.edu](mailto:marge@sued.syr.edu) Fax: 315-449-1034.

#### EDITED REPORT OF FEBRUARY 11, 1998, MEETING:

Dr. Tamar Heller (E-MAIL: [THELLER@UIC.EDU](mailto:THELLER@UIC.EDU)) of the newly created Department on Disability and Human Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago, discussed: "NIDRR-Funded Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Mental Retardation and Aging", and its research on aging and the developmentally disabled. The major purpose of the Center is to provide research, training and dissemination of information about the age-related changes faced by older adults with mental retardation and model interventions for these individuals and their families. The RRTC has a Clearinghouse on Aging and Developmental Disabilities. Its telephone number is: 800-996-8845; its fax number is 312-996-6942. The RRTC Web site is: <http://www.uic.edu/orgs/rrtcamlr/index.html>.

Dr. Gary Albrecht (Email: [garya@uic.edu](mailto:garya@uic.edu)) of the University of Illinois School of Public Health, reported on the NIDRR funded project to develop a Handbook on Disability Studies. He began by providing background information on himself and his work. In addition to his School of Public Health appointment, Dr. Albrecht is Co-Principal Investigator for the UIC Center on Emergent Disability, and PI of a Supplement of an NIH Multi-Center on Women Going through Menopause. The Disability Studies Handbook is the outgrowth of NIDRR sponsored strategic planning meetings organized three years ago. The Handbook was envisioned as an analytical, inclusive, academically oriented, descriptive volume that would raise critical issues.

#### EDITED REPORT OF MARCH 11, 1998, MEETING:

Lex Frieden (E-MAIL: [lfrieden@bcm.tmc.edu](mailto:lfrieden@bcm.tmc.edu)), a member of the faculty of Baylor College of Medicine and Director of the Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) Program at TIRR in Houston, Texas, reported on research being conducted under the auspices of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). The project is entitled "Ideas 2000: Employment Policy Template." ILRU is examining employment policies affecting people with disabilities around the world. This project is part of a larger Ideas 2000 initiative being conducted by the World Institute on Disability (WID). In May, Ideas 2000, the ILO, SSA, DoL and NIDRR will examine labor research and interpretation with a view towards exploring what data exist and how they can be used. Lex Frieden closed his presentation by inviting everyone to visit the ILRU Web site at: [WWW.ILRU.ORG](http://WWW.ILRU.ORG).

Bedirhan Ustun (email: [USTUNT@WHO.CH](mailto:USTUNT@WHO.CH)) and Somnath Chatterji (Email:

CHATTERJIS@WHO.CH) presented on the March 23-28 ICIDH-2 Meetings in Tokyo and the WHO Disablement Assessment Schedule (DAS) II respectively. Dr. Ustun ended the WHO presentation by mentioning an upcoming April 24-26 meeting in Mexico City, focusing on field trials of the ICIDH-2 in Spanish speaking countries.

Paul Ackerman (E-mail: PAUL\_ACKERMAN@ED.GOV) covered "Highlights of the Inter-agency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR) Report to the President and Congress." The report tracks 10 recommendations made in the last ICDR Annual report. While many accomplishments related to these recommendations cannot be attributed to the ICDR per se, the Committee provides this information to show the broad scope of what has taken place within the federal government.

Paul Placek confirmed the dates of October 5-6, 1998, for the Fifth Annual North American ICIDH-2 Revision Meeting, to be held at the Marriott Mountain Resort in Vail, CO. The meeting will be hosted by Gale Whiteneck and C.A. Brooks of Craig Hospital in Denver, under contract with NCHS, which houses the WHO Collaborating Center for the Classification of Diseases for North America.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE 1998 ISDS MEETING DATES, ALL ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY FROM 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm EST: June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11 (holiday date to be rescheduled), and December 9, 1998.